

Dear Providers,

It has come to the DONS' attention that renewal preauthorizations have been submitted to include holiday hours, specifically, nursing services authorized for participants whose caregivers are employed.

Please note that verification must have been provided at the initial authorization noting that the caregiver (s) work schedule includes holidays. If not, the Program is unable to reimburse for these hours in accordance with COMAR 10.09.53 unless appropriate verification is submitted.

The Program will reimburse for awake and overnight nursing services, etc rendered on holidays. (This email specifically addresses nursing services authorized for the participant's care in the absence of the participant's working caregiver(s).)

If you have questions, please call or email me at your earliest convenience.

*\*\*\*As designated by the U.S. Congress:*

*Calendar Year 2016*

*Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day  
Monday, December 26 Christmas Day*

*Calendar Year 2017*

*Monday, January 2 New Year's Day  
Monday, January 16 Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Monday, February 20 Washington's Birthday  
Monday, May 29 Memorial Day  
Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day  
Monday, September 4 Labor Day  
Monday, October 9 Columbus Day  
Friday, November 10 Veterans Day  
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day  
Monday, December 25 Christmas Day*